

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. In the restriction response filed March 21, 2006, applicants elected to prosecute the claims of Species III, claims 8-9, but only agreed to cancellation of claims 2-7 upon indication of allowable subject matter in this application. Thus, the Examiner's cover sheet, stating that only claims 1, 8, and 9 are pending, is incorrect.

In the Office Action, claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 8 to overcome the rejection.

Claims 1, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Chesney (U.S. Patent No. 6,132,383). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. MPEP 2131. Claim 1, as amended, recites "a protective cover." In the Office Action, the Examiner appears to assert that the side walls of Chesney's base body comprise a protective cover. Applicants respectfully disagree. Chesney's side walls are not a "protective cover" as claimed, as would be known to one skilled in the art and as illustrated in applicants' invention. Applicants' housing includes side walls, and certain embodiments of the claimed invention additionally include a protective cover. Because Chesney discloses side walls rather than a protective cover, it does not teach every element of claim 1. Therefore, the rejection under section 102(b) has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 8 and 9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for the same reason.

Further, claim 8 recites: "the case body is mounted to the base body so that the case body can slide along the base body between" a position where the pressure sensing surface faces the insertion hole and a position where the pressure sensing surface does not face the insertion hole. The Examiner appears to assert that the rotation of Chesney's sensor 299 in direction 239 is the same as sliding. However, the Examiner does not positively state that she is equating sliding and rotating, and such an assertion would be erroneous. Moreover, sliding of one element along another is wholly different than "rotating" and therefore Chesney does not teach all of the

elements of claim 8 and the rejection of claim 8 under section 102(b) should be withdrawn for this additional reason.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants solicit early action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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